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IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Beals Wright, Who Is Again
After Tennis Honors.



Beals C. Wright, former national champion lawn tennis player and internationalist, after a year's absence from the "big things" in tennis, is this year taking up his racket with the determination of again seeking the championship.

Of more importance, however, comes the announcement that he will captain the next Davis cup team, and, while it is not yet certain that the former great player can see his way clear to go to England this summer for the preliminaries, there is no doubt that he has been offered the leadership of the American team, and at present he is seriously considering taking the journey.

That Wright is not far from his wonted form was shown by his playing in the Florida state championship some months ago.

Announcement has been made that the preliminary matches will be played on the courts at Wimbledon, England. The dates remain to be selected by the English Lawn Tennis association.

Maurice E. McLoughlin and Melville H. Long, the California players who were defeated by the Australasians last year, and Raymond D. Little, who has held a place on other international teams, have signified their possibility of entering the competition.

Date of Sonder Boat Trials.
The Sonder yacht aspirants for international honors in the Spanish-American race next fall will have a chance to qualify for the American team of three yachts in the trial races which will begin off Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 15. The dates of the Spanish races have not been fixed, but they are expected to be held some time during the first two weeks in September.

The trial races will be held on successive days until the committee has made its choice.

Pitcher Vickers to Turn Catcher.
Baltimore may develop another Roger Bresnahan. Pitcher Rube Vickers' dreams may materialize if the catching staff should get crippled. He has signified his intentions along that line. The Reuben is patiently waiting for the opportunity to don the wind pad and the wire screen. Like Roger, he may get his chance, and this chance may be the development of another pitcher-catcher.

Lunghi Coming Back to America.
Emilio Lunghi, the great Italian half miler, has declared his intention of returning to New York this summer to carry the colors of the Irish American A. C. on the cinder path. Lunghi will sail from the other side in the latter part of May. Emilio has been running in cross country events all winter. He has started in eleven races and won every one of them.

Powers Day June 30.
The Philadelphia baseball team of the American has set apart June 30 as "Powers day" in memory of Mike Powers, former catcher, who died as a result of internal injuries sustained while catching the day Shibe park was opened, April 12 last year.

Archie Latham.
When the New York Nationals are ahead Archie Latham cuts up like the very mischief on the coaching lines, but when the Giants fall behind Archie goes to the bench and wraps up his feet.

Lord a Classy Ball Tosser.
As fielder, hitter and all around player Captain Harry Lord of Boston has few superiors in the American league.

Lelivelt a Good One.
In Left Fielder Lelivelt the Washington Americans seem to have secured a fast fielder and a strong hitter.

A BUSINESS TRAINING

The Methods That Are Used In
the Schools of Germany.

CLASS ROOMS AS OFFICES.

The Pupils Are Divided Into Firms That Carry on an Imaginary Trade With Each Other—The Course From Office Boy to Director.

No one will deny the fact that Germans are among the keenest business men in the world. And undoubtedly one of the secrets of their success lies in the fact that in German schools boys are taught the practical details of business. The writer recently returned from Hamburg after a year's course of education, and an outline of the system of training boys in business may be interesting.

On my first day's attendance I was handed a time table on which appeared, set out in formidable array, such subjects as commercial correspondence, laws of bills of exchange, currency, political economy and commercial law, none of which at the time conveyed much to me and raised serious doubts in my mind as to whether I should be able to understand and appreciate what appeared to be most abstruse subjects.

At 9 a. m. sharp on the following day the course began, prefaced by a couple of hours' hard study, for the Germans are pluckier to work and think nothing of a twelve hour day. The first course was called "business training." We worked in two spacious rooms furnished as offices, each room representing a different business house. These two firms carried on an imaginary trade with each other, and the routine adhered to was modeled exactly on the lines of a first class business establishment.

Each firm had a director, and these two were the most eminent students in the academy. They had subject to their management and control a complete staff of correspondents, shorthand writers, typists, bookkeepers, etc. The whole was supervised by a master, to whom reference was made in case of dispute or difficulty.

On making my appearance I was informed that my services were in request as an office boy. I was somewhat taken back, not to say a little humiliated, by the lowly position assigned to me, and I gave the master to understand that I considered I was qualified to occupy a much better post than that which he had chosen for me. He did not seem in the least perturbed by my remarks, but said: "You have already made a mistake—a mistake of diplomacy. One of the great maxims of business as taught here is to do what you are told, to do it at once and do it well."

With that he handed me a pile of envelopes and a long list of addresses and told me to set to work addressing them. I did so, but not with a very good grace, the master coming round from time to time to inspect my work. For two solid hours I plodded on until 11 a. m., when the course came to an end. Then I took the opportunity of going up to the master again and asking him if he did not really think I had been wasting my time in what I had been doing.

"Not in the least," said he, "In everything, no matter how simple or how difficult, there is always a good deal to learn. If you have paid attention while you were working you will have learned something about the geography of the German empire, for each address contains the name of some important town and province in which it is situated and the name of some firm celebrated for some particular class of goods."

This gave me food for reflection. As a matter of fact, I had not paid the least attention to what I had been writing; consequently I had failed to derive the benefit which it was the master's intention I should obtain from what seemed to me at the outset a most senseless task. On the following day I resolved to follow out the master's instructions to the letter, and I was surprised to find how interesting the work became.

I continued addressing envelopes for two hours a day for a whole week, and the next week I received promotion. In this way I went through the whole routine, from office boy to director, and the experience which I obtained in the various capacities has proved invaluable to me in business.

As director I had to sign checks, dictate letters, enter into agreements with the other firm with reference to the sale and purchase of goods, keep an eye on the money market, work out arbitrage calculations, draw up and endorse bills of exchange and bills of lading, make out periodical statements of affairs, allow or dispute amounts placed to the debit of the firm on account of general average losses and generally supervise everything.

While we were thus drilled in practical work the theoretical side of business was not neglected. Lectures were given at fixed hours, bookkeeping and mercantile law. Thus we enjoyed the inestimable advantage of acquiring the theory and practice of business at the same time.—Detroit Free Press.

In Bad.
"I'll never offer any more friendly advice."

"Wouldn't he listen to you?"
"He listened to me carefully and then struck me for \$2. Of course I had to cough up."—Detroit Free Press.

Troubles comparatively seldom come to us; it is we who go to them.—Sir John Lubbock.

AROUND THE FARM

Calculating Silo Capacity.

For the benefit of silo owners who find it difficult to determine the capacity of their silos or the amount of silage on hand at any time the following method is given: Multiply one-half the diameter of the tank by the same figure and then this result by 3.1416. This result will be the floor area of the silo in square feet. By multiplying this floor space by the height of the silo the result will be the capacity in cubic feet. Take as an example a silo 10 by 30 feet. One-half of 10 feet is 5 feet, and 5 feet multiplied by 5 is 25 feet, and 25 feet multiplied by 3.1416 is 78.64 square feet, or the floor area of the silo. Multiplying 78.64 feet by 30 feet, or the height of the silo, the result, 2359.2 cubic feet, represents the number of cubic feet the silo contains.

The weight of silage varies according to the degrees in which it has settled and also according to the manner in which the silo was filled. On account of this the weight of a cubic foot of silage must be arbitrary. However, good silage which is well settled weighs perhaps thirty pounds per cubic foot at the top and about fifty pounds near the bottom. A fair average, therefore, for the entire silo would be at the rate of forty pounds to the cubic foot of silage.—C. T. Gramm in Orange Judd Farmer.

Potatoes For Brood Sows.

Potatoes are an excellent feed for all kinds of hogs, and when they are cheap they may be fed with profit, says the Breeder's Gazette. Tests of their feeding value for fattening hogs have shown on the average four or five pounds of potatoes equal one pound of corn. Brood sows do well on potatoes either before or after farrowing. For them as for fattening hogs or pigs it is best to boil the potatoes and feed some grain along with them. About twenty pounds of grain to a bushel of potatoes makes a combination that appears to satisfy the appetite of the hogs and produces excellent results. The cooked potatoes are mashed and mixed with whatever ground grain or shorts that are fed. One should avoid making the slop very thin or the hogs will be forced to take in more water than they naturally would drink. This would not affect them seriously, but it is not desirable. The potatoes are especially beneficial for brood sows because of their bulk and their mildly laxative effect.

Tying a Horse.

A horse should always be tied to a hitching post with a strong strap or rope which there is no possibility of its breaking. If a horse once breaks loose he is apt to acquire the bad habit of breaking loose at every opportunity.

A neck strap or rope which passes round the neck and through the ring in the bit is better than the ordinary tie strap fastened in the bit ring such as usually comes with bridles. If a horse has acquired the habit of breaking loose try this plan and fool him when he tries it again.

A horse should always be tied so that it cannot get its head to the ground. It will stand more quietly if compelled to keep its head up.

Itching Skin of Horse.

In case of itching skin have the horse clipped and cut the grain ration down a half. Do not feed corn. The animal will do best on oats, bran and hay. Green grass at first often leads to itchininess of the skin. After clipping apply to itching parts as required a mixture of one dram each of dilute sulphuric acid and carbolic acid in a pint of cold water. A little menthol added is effective where itching is excessive. Wash affected parts before the first application of medicine is made. If the trouble continues give a tablespoonful twice daily of a mixture of equal parts of powdered wood charcoal and granular hyposulphate of soda.—Homestead.

Feeding Grain to Calves.

There is no advantage in grinding corn for calves except when they are very young or the teeth tender from pasturing. Even at two or three weeks of age calves will begin eating shelled corn and sometimes gain faster on it than on ground corn. Oats seem more satisfactory if ground unless the calves seem to masticate them perfectly, as they often do when young. At present prices there is little profit from feeding any grain except corn to skim milk calves on pasture unless they are to be pushed to the limit of growth. It is better to feed grain after the milk is taken, as it is masticated better than if stirred in milk.—Breeder's Gazette.

Weigh the Milk.

It is a good idea to weigh the milk from each cow as milked to know what they are doing. It is but little work. Just tack up a paper in a convenient place in the stable with the days of the month across the top and the cows' names on the left. With a pencil tied to a string and a spring balance hanging closing by, it is but a moment's work to weigh the milk and note it down.—American Cultivator.

Remedy For Garget.

Give a tablespoonful of saltpeter twice daily in the feed or drinking water. Foment the udder with hot water twice daily and then rub well with a mixture of equal parts of sweet oil and fluid extract of poke root and belladonna leaves. It may be necessary to use a sterilized milking tube to open the teat duct.—Rural New Yorker.

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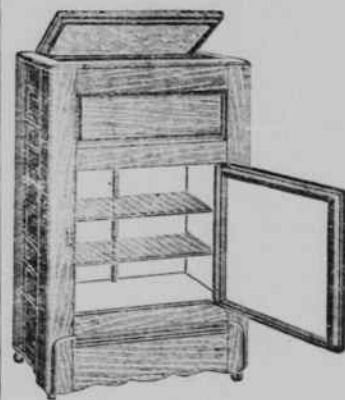
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